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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a five (5) month extension of time, to and including December 10, 2004, for responding to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 10, 2004.

Applicants' response to the Notice to File Missing Parts is being filed simultaneously herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 50-0310 the Petition fee of **\$1,005.00** for the five (5) month extension of time plus any overpayments or deficiencies in the above-calculated fee(s) and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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